

# HOUSE BILL No. 1601

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-12-22.5.

**Synopsis:** Lottery funded tuition scholarships. Creates a tuition scholarship program for students who enroll in Ivy Tech or the community college program. Appropriates \$200,000 from the build Indiana fund for each of three years.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

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January 16, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1601

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-12-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2003]:
- 4 **Chapter 22.5. Technical Scholarship Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "approved institution of higher**
- 6 **learning" means Ivy Tech State College established by**
- 7 **IC 20-12-61-2 and community colleges approved under**
- 8 **IC 20-12-75.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state**
- 10 **student assistance commission established by IC 20-12-21-4.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the technical**
- 12 **scholarship program fund established by section 4 of this chapter.**
- 13 **Sec. 4. (a) The technical scholarship program fund is established**
- 14 **to encourage and promote qualified individuals to pursue training**
- 15 **at an approved institution of higher learning in areas of study to**
- 16 **enhance technical skills that will help address the need for more**
- 17 **technically skilled workers for state businesses.**



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(b) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations by the general assembly.

(2) Gifts to the fund.

**Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall administer the fund.**

(b) The expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public funds may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

**Sec. 6. (a) The money in the fund shall be used to provide annual scholarships to students who qualify by demonstrating a financial need and meeting the requirements listed under section 8 of this chapter in an amount that is equal to the lesser of the following amounts:**

(1) The balance of the student's total cost of tuition or fees in attending the eligible institution for the academic year.

(2) Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(b) A scholarship awarded under subsection (a) may be used only for the payment of tuition or fees that are:

(1) approved by the approved institution of higher learning that awards the scholarship; and

(2) not otherwise payable under any other scholarship or form of financial assistance specifically designated for tuition or fees.

(c) Subject to section 7(c) of this chapter, each scholarship awarded under subsection (a) is renewable for a total number of terms that does not exceed the four (4) full-time (or part-time equivalent) semesters, or six (6) full-time (or part-time equivalent) quarters.

**Sec. 7. (a) The commission for higher education shall provide the commission with the most recent information concerning the number of students enrolled in technical areas at each approved institution of higher learning.**

(b) The commission shall allocate the available money from the fund to each approved institution of higher learning in proportion to the number of students enrolled in technical areas at each eligible approved institution of higher learning based upon the information received by the commission under subsection (a).

(c) Each approved institution of higher learning shall determine

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the scholarship recipients under this chapter based upon the criteria set forth in section 8 of this chapter and the rules adopted by the commission under section 10 of this chapter. In addition, the approved institution of higher learning shall consider the need of the applicant when awarding scholarships under this chapter.

(d) Any funds that:

(1) are allocated to an approved institution of higher learning; and

(2) are not used for scholarships under this chapter;

shall be returned to the commission for reallocation by the commission to any other eligible approved institution of higher learning in need of additional funds.

Sec. 8. (a) To initially qualify for a scholarship from the fund, a technical student must:

(1) be admitted to an approved institution of higher learning as a full-time or part-time student;

(2) be a resident of Indiana for a period of two (2) years;

(3) have graduated from a public high school within the past eighteen (18) months;

(4) have graduated with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale;

(5) agree, in writing, to work in Indiana for at least two (2) years following graduation;

(6) meet income eligibility requirements established at two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level;

(7) complete a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) form for the current year;

(8) be admitted and stay enrolled as a full-time student at an approved institution of higher learning; and

(9) maintain full-time enrollment status of between twelve (12) and fifteen (15) hours per semester or twenty-four (24) and thirty (30) hours per year.

(b) To qualify for a scholarship renewal from the fund, a technical student must:

(1) comply with the criteria set forth in subsection (a);

(2) maintain at least the cumulative grade point average:

(A) that is required by an approved institution of higher learning for admission to the approved institution of higher learning; or

(B) equivalent to 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale, as established by the approved institution of higher learning, if the institution's nursing program does not require a certain

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1 minimum cumulative grade point average; and

2 (3) demonstrate a continuing financial need for the  
3 scholarship.

4 Sec. 9. (a) The commission shall maintain complete and accurate  
5 records in implementing the program, including scholarships  
6 awarded under this chapter.

7 (b) Each eligible approved institution of higher learning shall  
8 provide the commission with information concerning the following:

9 (1) The awarding of scholarships under this chapter.

10 (2) The academic progress made by each recipient of a  
11 scholarship under this chapter.

12 (3) Other pertinent information requested by the commission.

13 Sec. 10. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2,  
14 including rules governing the enforcement of agreements under  
15 section 8(a)(5) of this chapter, necessary to carry out this chapter.

16 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] (a) There is  
17 appropriated to the state student assistance commission two  
18 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the build Indiana fund  
19 for the technical scholarship program fund to fund scholarships  
20 under IC 20-12-22.5, as added by this act, for the period beginning  
21 July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004.

22 (b) There is appropriated to the state student assistance  
23 commission two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the  
24 build Indiana fund for the technical scholarship program fund to  
25 fund scholarships under IC 20-12-22.5, as added by this act, for the  
26 period beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

27 (c) There is appropriated to the state student assistance  
28 commission two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the  
29 build Indiana fund for the technical scholarship program fund to  
30 fund scholarships under IC 20-12-22.5, as added by this act, for the  
31 period beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006.

32 (d) This SECTION expires July 1, 2006.

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